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Elba City Council recognizes local heroes and their teacher

by Linda Hodge, Publisher

The Elba City Council recognized six teens and their health science teacher Monday evening, June 9, during the regular monthly meeting of the council as "local heroes" for their efforts that led to the saving of a man's life recently.

Elba Career Academy health science teacher Starla Amison said as she has been renewing her CPR instructor she was reminded of why she does what she does. "They say it's me, but it's not," Amison said. "I have been an RN since 1990. I know what to do, but for them to be able to buy in and react...there are a lot of grown adults that can't do what they did. There is a man alive today because they reacted and did what they did."

Amison said she is so thankful the Lord put her students in the right place at the right time to be able to save a 25-year-old man's life after he had a swimming accident on the water in Elba. CPR lessons taught by Amison to the students equipped them with the skills needed to work to save the man's life.

"I am blessed to be the health science teacher," Amison said. "This is a special group of students, and

I cannot express how proud I am of them and for them. What an accomplishment to do what they did."

The Elba teens recognized were Jalin Horstead, Sidney Siler, Austin Stricklin, Caden Kyles, Jah'Haira Walker, and Jacob Ledbetter.

In other business during the meeting, the council approved special event licenses for three different entities that will be conducting events in Elba.

The Elba Chamber of Commerce submitted a event license application for the annual Let Freedom Ring event held in celebration of Independence Day each year. According to the license, the event will be held this year on Thursday, July 3, in downtown Elba. As always, the highlight of the event will be fireworks.

A special event license was approved for Beacon of Hope to host a Rhythm and Smiles: A Musical Block Party on Thursday, July 19, from 5:30 p.m. - Until.

Also, the council approved an event license for the Wiregrass Wolverines to be able to host home games at Foggy Bottom Stadium for that football team's upcoming season. The home games will be June 21, July 12, and July 19, according to team

owner Will Love.

The Wiregrass Wolverines also will have two away games on June 28 and July 26. Love said there is a possibility the team could host a first round playoff game on Aug. 2nd in Elba as well.

Several board appointments and/or reappointments were approved by the council during the meeting. For the Zoning Board of Adjustments Robbie Curren was reappointed to the board and Cara Patterson was appointed; and for the Elba Cemetery Board, Pattie Culver was reappointed.

Also, Mayor Tom Maddox noted he had appointed a Recreation Committee of local citizens to be advisors to him for the city's recreational needs. Those appointed to this committee were Gappa Wise, Bradley Bane, DeAnn Grantham, Harry Griffin, Alverson "Duck" Lane, Ashton McKelvy, Chris Moseley, LoWayne Parks, and Catina Washington.

Elba City Clerk Sally Bane noted the ribbon cutting for the Jack's restaurant in Elba is set for Monday, June 30, at 9 a.m.

The next Elba City Council meeting will be Monday, June 23, at 5:30 p.m. at Elba City Hall. These meetings are open to the public.



The Elba City Council recognized a group of local heroes Monday evening during the city council meeting. Six teens and Elba's health science teacher were all honored by the council. Pictured (front, l to r) Starla Amison - Elba Career Academy health science teacher, Caden Kyles, Jalin Horstead, Austin Stricklin, Jah'Haira Walker, and Elba Mayor Tom Maddox; (back, l to r) Elba Councilmembers Johnathan Lockett and Gappa Wise, City Clerk Sally Bane, and Elba Councilmembers Jane Brunson and Bryan Grimes.

Coffee County BOE honors state champion softball teams during recent board meeting

by Linda Hodge, Publisher

The Coffee County Board of Education recognized two state champion softball programs - Kinston and Zion Chapel - during its regular monthly meeting held Thursday evening, June 5th.

During a special program, Superintendent Kelly Cobb read and presented proclamations from State Senator Josh Carnley to Kinston School and Zion Chapel School recognizing the accomplishments of each school's softball program for the 2025 season. Kinston won the Class 1A state championship while Zion Chapel won the Class 2A state championship.

The proclamations were presented to each school's principal.

Also, each player, coach and manager for the teams was presented a mini state championship trophy by Coffee County Board of Education members in congratulations for their successes.

Prior to the special program honoring the system's



Coffee County Schools superintendent Kelly Cobb and Zion Chapel principal Jared Robinson show off the Proclamation from State Senator Josh Carnley recognizing Zion Chapel's State Championship in softball.

state champions, the school board approved several personnel matters during their meeting.

Resignations were approved for Rebecca Senn Stewart, teacher at Zion Chapel, D'Andra Tingey, assistant principal at Zion Chapel, Ashley O'Neal, teacher at Kinston, and Ryan Gresko, band director at New Brockton.

Employments approved

for the upcoming school year included Jody Adams as assistant principal for Zion Chapel. Also, Stephanie Strawn was hired as a teacher at Kinston, Amanda Dukes was hired as a teacher at New Brockton Elementary, Retired Colonel Milton Shipman was hired as the JROTC instructor at New Brockton High, Ashley Carter was hired as an instructional coach for New Brockton High, and Abbie Wood was hired as a teacher for Zion Chapel.

Regarding support personnel, Psyche Patterson submitted retirement papers as a bus driver at Kinston, effective July 1st.

Four support personnel hires approved included Mallorie Prescott as nurse for Coffee County Schools, Renee Daniels as a 10-month custodian at Zion Chapel, Miles Lassiter as an IT technician for Coffee County Schools, and Tabitha Berry as the bookkeeper for Kinston School.

News Brief:

A stabbing incident at the Elba Work Release facility Sunday night, June 8, led to one inmate being transported to an area hospital to receive treatment.

The stabbing incident was reported at 9:53 p.m. According to reports from emergency responders, the victim did not appear to have any life threatening wounds from the incident.

No further details have been released by officials.

Elba Municipal Election News:

Qualifying opened Tuesday, June 10, for the 2025 City of Elba Municipal Election set for Tuesday, Aug. 26th.

Elba City Clerk Sally Bane reported that three individuals qualified on Tuesday to seek office in Elba. Those submitting qualification paperwork on Tuesday, June 10, were:

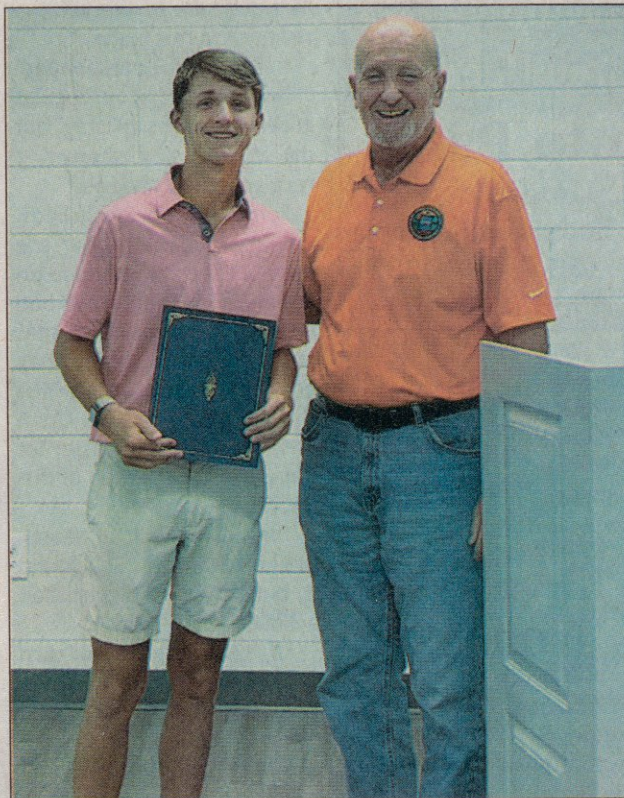
For Mayor of Elba: Carlos Magwood

For Elba City Councilmember, District 1: Tom Hooks

For Elba City Councilmember, District 3: Jane Brunson (incumbent).

Qualifying will remain open until 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 24th.

See the "Notice of Election" ad on Page 7 of today's paper for more information regarding Elba's upcoming municipal election.



The Coffee County Commission presented a Resolution to Elba High School golfer Jay Wilson (left) Monday, June 9, in recognition of Wilson's individual state championship for the AHSAA Class 1A/2A tournament. This was the second year in a row that Wilson has won the individual state championship. The Resolution was presented to Wilson by Coffee County Commission chairman Kim Ellis with congratulations extended from each commissioner.

Zion Chapel Youth All-Stars headed to State Tourney!



The Zion Chapel Youth Sports baseball 8U and 10U teams completed the District Tournament by qualifying to compete in the State Tournament this year. This is first for the two age divisions, and the youngsters celebrated the accomplishment Monday evening, June 9, by taking a photo together. More details will be in next week's paper!

Area Happenings

South Central Alabama Mental Health Center will host a Community Health Fair in Enterprise on Thursday, June 12, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Johns Chapel AME Church. There will be free resources to promote physical and mental health along with health screenings, a blood drive, and a bounce house. The overall goal is to make healthcare services more accessible to the community.

EDITORIAL

Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Publisher

First, we need to extend an apology to those who were disappointed there was no “Windy Thoughts” included in last week’s edition of the paper. A need for additional space late in the day last Tuesday forced us to make the decision to cut the column for the week, but we soon realized that was probably not a good idea. It was great and reassuring to hear from several that enjoy reading the column each week, and we promised to do better moving forward!

We do have to brag a bit on a project that just completed in Elba. The city found a contractor willing to fix a road problem on Highland Drive. The “dip” on Highland as many called it had been a problem for a long time that was constantly worsening. As of last Saturday, the work had been completed. Now, that section of Highland Drive is likely the smoothest section of road in the entire city! We are not engineering expert, but as far as we can tell, this repair has been done very well and should last a long time.

We’ve also learned the same contractor that fixed the Highland Drive issue is working on putting together a quote for the city to potentially fix the levee gate track issue at Pea River bridge. If you’ve driven over the bridge and the track of the levee gate anytime recently, you have no doubt this is an issue that also needs addressing. If the contractor can come up with a suitable quote to get this work done, we are all for the city moving forward with correcting this issue as well! Of course, whether it must be bid or not will depend on the overall cost for repair, but we can’t help but to hope it falls under the bid limit so that the contractor can just move forward.

Last week in our Elba Police Report, there was a report of a theft of property at 1477 Country Club Way, which is the Elba Country Club. The backstory to this is that a purse was reported stolen during a golf tournament held at the club. The owner of the purse called our office earlier this week wanting to give a positive shout out to a couple of Elba Police officers. She said her phone company was able to help locate her mobile phone, which had been in her purse at the time it was taken, to a wooded area off the #1 tee at the golf course. She and others, including a couple of Elba Police officers, searched the area after that location point was found but came up empty handed. The officers – Officer Skirde and Lt. Baxley – reportedly returned to the area later that night with thermal camera equipment from the Elba Fire Department. With use of that thermal camera, the purse was located! Of course, money and some other valuables were missing, but other items of importance to the owner were found still with the purse. The owner of the purse wanted to publicly thank these two officers for their “above and beyond” service in helping to locate her belongings! After hearing this story, we too extend a job well done to the Elba Police officers!!

Qualifying to seek election for the municipal elections opened on Tuesday. We have published “Notice of Election” legals for Elba, New Brockton, and Kinston. Those interested in seeking the public offices of mayor or council member in these municipalities have until 5 p.m. on June 24th to qualify. The municipal elections will be held Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2025. We encourage those seeking office to do it because you truly want to make a difference for your community overall...not just because you may have a beef with the current administration. The only agenda any person wanting to be mayor or a city council member should have is to make life better for all citizens of his/her community.

Since Sunday is Father’s Day, let us extend a big ‘ole Happy Dad’s Day wish to all of you fellas!!

Scam Alert: Beware of text messages enforcing traffic tickets

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The Alabama Department of Revenue has received reports of fraudulent text messages looking to enforce penalties on unsuspecting recipients resulting from an “unpaid traffic ticket.”

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Cuzin Lou Lou's Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou and Sister had quite the adventure last weekend, and it left the two wondering exactly who would get custody of Papa should anything happen to them!

The original plan for this quick trip was to leave out early Saturday morning, and after an overnight stay be back home in time Sunday morning to make church. On Thursday night, however, Lou Lou came up with an alternate plan that Sister approved.

The two needed to make a trip to Sam’s to pick up some items for the home and office, and that was going to be the Friday evening chore. Instead of going to the “normal” Sam’s, Lou Lou suggested she and Sister get a head start on their weekend plans by visiting a Sam’s along the travel route Friday night, stay at a hotel in that city overnight, and then finish the travel to the ultimate destination on Saturday morning.

“This way we are already that much closer to where we are going when we get up Saturday morning,” Lou Lou suggested. “And...that means you can sleep a little later!”

It all sounded like a great plan!

Fast forward to the moment of arrival at the hotel for the Friday night stay. After entering the building, Sister promptly asked, “Are you sure to checked the reviews on this place?”

“Yes!” Lou Lou responded. “I know it’s not in our regular group of places to stay, but my investigating showed it received good reviews.”

Somebody obviously lied! Everything went sour the moment the two stepped on the elevator. There was a bad smell in the elevator that only worsened when they arrived on the floor in which the room was located. Upon entering the room, Sister let out yet another groan of disapproval.

Then, she went in search of the bathroom. She found it, but it was no bigger than a closet!

“If you tried to turn around in here, you would probably meet yourself,” Lou Lou exclaimed after she got a look at the tiny bathroom!

By the time Sister made it to check the bed linens... a normal routine for the Yonder Gang no matter what hotel they are staying...well, Lou Lou had already begun a new search for somewhere else to stay!

“There is no way I am staying even one night here,” were the next words out of Sister’s mouth.

“Already ahead of you,” Lou Lou replied. “I can’t get a room tonight at the place we will be staying tomorrow night, but I have found somewhere else there for tonight. Grab you things and let’s go!”

So, back into the smelly hallway and elevator the two went. Upon arrival in the lobby to return the room keys and check out, Sister didn’t even slow down! She went straight to the vehicle to wait while Lou Lou handled that matter.

Of course, this took far longer than Sister anticipated, so she was texting Lou Lou wanting to know if they had kidnapped her or something. She wasn’t about to come see for herself, but she did want to at least check in via text.

“I’m waiting,” Lou Lou replied to Sister’s text. “Just call Papa and let him know what has happened and where we are headed now!”

Soon enough the two were back on the road and headed to alternate destination for Friday night. Thank goodness...the new place was more than acceptable to Sister. As a matter of fact, she instantly fell in love with the place!

Lou Lou had to remind Sister that staying at this place was a necessity on this occasion and it had cost her a pretty penny, but she was willing to do it this once for their safety and to save the trip!

After a great night of sleep and rest at the backup destination, the weekend plans returned to normal on Saturday...well, with one exception. The Sam’s trip had to be moved to Saturday, but even that worked out great in the end.

Now, one may be wondering at this point of this tale how any of this has anything to do with custody of Papa...

On Saturday, Lou Lou and Sister were able to laugh about their Friday debacle again...only because things had worked out well in the end.

As they were reliving the mess and laughing over it Sister offered this thought, “You know...we should probably look into getting a will done.”

“Okay...why?” Lou Lou was confused.

“We travel a lot together, and last night reminded me that if something were to happen to us, we need it worked out who would get custody of Papa!”

And, there you have it! Only Sister...

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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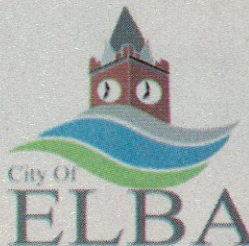
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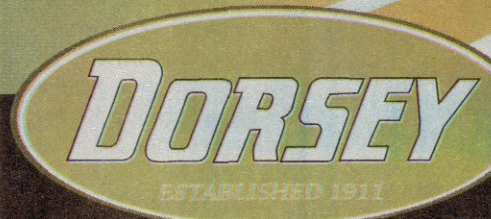


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BETTY JANE WINDHAM

Ms. Betty Jane Windham, age 74, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, June 5, 2025, at her home in New Brockton, Ala.

Graveside services were held Monday, June 9, 2025, from the Damascus Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Billy Cardwell officiating and Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Ms. Windham was preceded in death by her parents - Mr. John Huey and Edna Ruth Kelley Windham; and her sister - Cindy Windham.

Survivors include her brother: Michael (Annette) Windham, Elba; nephew: Mark Windham, Atlanta, Ga.; Andrew (Tiffany) Windham, Enterprise, Ala.; Jeremy Windham, New Brockton; great-nieces: Lily Anne Windham, Claire Windham, and Nora Windham, all of Enterprise.

GEORGE L. HERRING

Mr. George L. Herring, age 95, a native of Opp, Ala., died Wednesday, June 4, 2025, in Corbin, Ky.

He was the beloved son of Jim and Sarah Lloyd Herring. George was an outstanding athlete and student leader at Opp High School and pursued higher education at Southern Methodist University, Freed-Hardeman University, and Amridge University.

He dedicated 57 years of his life to preaching in Elba and Andalusia, and for the Catoma Street Church of Christ in Montgomery, Ala., where he also served as an elder. George was a respected member of the faculty at Amridge University in Montgomery for 40 years, known for his engaging Greek classes.

George married Nina English of Elba on Sept. 21, 1953, and they celebrated their 71st anniversary together. He was cherished for his exemplary life, Biblical knowledge, and edifying preaching and teaching.

A graveside service and burial were held Monday, June 9, 2025, from the Evergreen Cemetery in Elba, with Raymond Elliott officiating and Hayes Funeral Home directing.

George was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, and a brother.

Survivors include his loving wife, Nina English Herring; his daughter and son-in-law, Dr. Gina Herring Hicks and Dr. Bruce Hicks; his sisters, Joyce Norvell and Jeanie Jones; and four nieces and two nephews.

MICHAEL EDWARD NORRIS

Mr. Michael Edward Norris, age 70, of Montgomery, Ala., died Thursday, June 5, 2025, at Baptist Hospital South in Montgomery.

A memorial service will be held Friday, June 20, 2025, at Gateway Baptist Church, beginning at 10 a.m. Hayes Funeral Home & Cremations LLC of Elba, Alabama is serving the Norris family.

Survivors include his

wife, Marie Kay Clahassey Norris, Montgomery; sons, Mark Alan (Mary) Norris, Elba, Marshall (Krista) Norris, Green Valley, Ariz., and Mitchell (Kaylan) Norris, Millbrook, Ala.; along with eight grandchildren.

THOMAS GERALD GRIFFIN

Mr. Thomas Gerald Griffin, age 93, a cherished father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, died peacefully Friday, June 6, 2025, surrounded by his loving family in Dothan, Ala.

Born Nov. 16, 1931, in Washington, DC, Thomas was a man of exceptional character, known for his courage, friendliness, and loving nature.

Raised in the heart of Coffee County, Thomas grew up at Danley's Cross Roads near Elba, where he formed the foundation of his strong values and work ethic. He attended Curtis Junior High School and later graduated from Elba High School. Furthering his education, Thomas attended Troy State Teacher's College, where he honed his leadership skills and prepared for a life of service.

Thomas dedicated a significant portion of his life to his country through a distinguished career in the United States Air Force. As a Vietnam War veteran, he exhibited bravery and commitment that earned him the respect and admiration of his peers. His service to the nation was a testament to his patriotism and courage. Upon retiring from the Air Force, Thomas chose to settle in Olympia, Washington, where he enjoyed many happy years.

In Olympia, Thomas was not only known for

his military service but also for his amiable personality and his ability to form lasting friendships. He was a beacon of love and strength to his family, and his guidance was a cornerstone in their lives. Two and a half years prior to his passing, Thomas moved to Dothan to be closer to his loved ones, making the most of his time with them.

Thomas was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Jeanette Griffin, his parents, Eugene Cleo Griffin and Elsie Cauley Griffin, and his brother, Harvey Griffin.

He will be laid to rest next to his beloved wife in Olympia, Washington, where together they will continue to watch over their family.

Survivors include his daughter, Yvonne Jaremko and her husband Roman; his granddaughter, Ruby Christie and her husband Tom; his brothers, Floyd and Jerry Griffin; his sister, Sue King; and his nieces and nephews, Floyd Griffin, Kathy Griffin, and Amy Griffin.



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The Best Time to Plan Your Funeral: Sooner Than You Think

While it's not the most cheerful topic, planning your funeral is a practical way to ensure your wishes are carried out and to spare your family from unnecessary stress during a difficult time. But when is the right time to start this process?

The answer is simple: there isn't one perfect age to start planning your funeral. The decision depends on your individual circumstances, preferences, and financial situation.

Some people begin thinking about funeral planning in their 30s or 40s, often after life-changing events like marriage, starting a family, or experiencing the loss of a loved one. At this stage, you have a clear sense of your values and preferences, and you can lock in funeral costs before they increase due to inflation.

Planning in the 50-60's age range is quite common as retirement approaches and thoughts of the future become more present. Many people see it as a way to tie up loose ends and organize their affairs.

Planning Later in Life. Even if you're further along in life, it's never too late to make your wishes known. Discussing your preferences with family or documenting them in a written plan can be incredibly helpful for your loved ones.

When deciding when to plan, consider these factors:

Your Health. If you have any health concerns, planning sooner rather than later ensures your wishes are known.

Family History. If your family has a history of certain diseases, early planning might be advisable.

Financial Situation. If you want to pre-pay for your funeral, your budget and financial goals will influence the timing.

The Importance of Communication. No matter when you decide to plan, discussing your wishes with your loved ones is crucial. This will ensure they understand your preferences and can make decisions that align with your values. Planning your funeral isn't just about logistics and finances. It's about providing comfort and guidance to those you leave behind. By taking this proactive step, you can ensure your final wishes are honored and create a meaningful legacy for your loved ones.

Ready to Start Planning? Contact our funeral home to speak with one of our pre-planning counselors. We offer many resources to help you get started with your funeral plan.

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Men's Health Month highlights awareness and early detection

Frequent preventive health screenings, a healthy diet, regular physical activity, lowering stress, and addressing mental health challenges are important in maintaining men's health outcomes, yet men are less likely to seek medical care and die an average 6 years earlier than women. Men's health is often overlooked, and their symptoms go unnoticed.

June is National Men's Health Month, and its purpose is to heighten awareness of preventable health problems and to encourage early detection and treatment of disease among

men and boys. The week leading up to Father's Day, June 9-15, is Men's Health Week 2025. This year's theme emphasizes the need to close the empathy gap in men's health through advocacy and awareness to address disparities in care, mental health, and education.

Cardiovascular health, prostate health, cancer (lung, prostate, skin, colorectal, testicular and others), HIV, mental health and osteoporosis are among the health concerns that affect men. Screenings can find diseases early, before symptoms appear, when

they are easier to treat and when complications may be prevented. Some diseases and conditions may not have symptoms, so checkups can help diagnose health issues before they become problems. Men should pay special attention to signs and symptoms such as chest pain, shortness of breath, excessive thirst, and problems with urination.

The following are some practical steps men can take to improve their health and stay healthy:

- Quit using tobacco

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Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, June 3, through Monday, June 9, 2025, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center -

Tuesday, June 3 - Animal complaint reported at 959 Claxton Ave N - w/impound (7:55 a.m.), Harassing communication reported at 429 Plant Ave (12:58 p.m.). 3 traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings and one written warning.

Wednesday, June 4 - Suspicious person reported at 1883 Hickman Ave E (1:45 a.m.), Vehicle accident reported at 214 Factory Ave (12:25 p.m.), Verbal altercation reported at 823 County Road 407 (12:53 p.m.), Highspeed pursuit reported at Hwy 134/County Rd 537 (3:02 p.m.), Trespassing reported at 664 Reynolds Ave. (9:09 p.m.), Assault reported at 219 Taylor Ave (11:09 p.m.). 1 traffic stop resulted in one verbal warning.

Thursday, June 5 - 1 traffic stop resulted in one written warning.

Friday, June 6 - Vehicle crash reported at Herman Driggers Dr. (4:31 p.m.), Suspicious person reported at West St. (7:49 p.m.). 8 traffic stops resulted in

three verbal warnings, two written warnings, one arrest, one citation issued and one no action taken.

Saturday, June 7 - Suspicious vehicle reported at Hwy 189/County Rd 354 (5:24 p.m.), Reckless driver reported at Hwy 84/County Rd 377 (2:19 p.m.). 6 traffic stops resulted in three written warnings, two verbal warnings and one citation issued.

Sunday, June 8 - Verbal altercation reported at 1237 Jones Cir (1:02 a.m.), Vehicle crash

reported at Beaver Dam St. (11:17 a.m.), Reckless driver reported at Reese Ave (4:51 p.m.), Burglary reported at 717 Putnam St (7:17 p.m.), stabbing reported at 1620 Boswell St (9:53 p.m.). 1 traffic stop resulted in one assistance Rendered.

Monday, June 9 - Animal complaint reported at 14522 Hwy 87 (9:01 a.m.), Animal complaint reported at 1311 Reese Ave (10:40 a.m.). 1 traffic stop resulted in one verbal warning.

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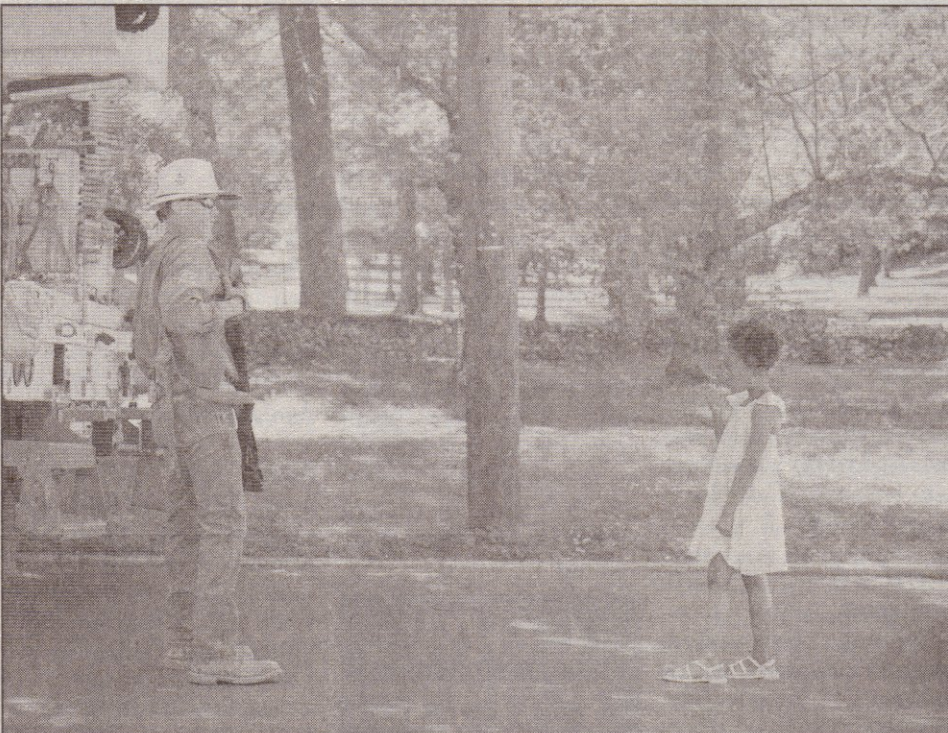
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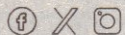


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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES L. GANNON, Deceased.**
CASE NO. PR2025-102TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Jennifer Lee Gannon Everett, as Personal Representative of the Estate of James L. Gannon, deceased, on the 28th day of May, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
6/5, 12 & 19-pd**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA****IN RE THE ESTATE OF: OPHELIA MCMILLER, DECEASED.**
CASE NO.: 2025-0036**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Angela Felder, on the 28th day of May, 2025, by the Honorable Toby Seay, Judge of the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present to the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred./s/ Angela Felder
Angela Felder, not a natural person
/s/ Stephen T. Etheredge
Stephen T. Etheredge
Attorney for the Estate of Ophelia McMiller
P.O. Box 1193
Dothan, AL 36302
6/5, 12 & 19-chg**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA****IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY ELAINE PALMER, Deceased.**
CASE NO. 2025-066TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Melanie Boggs, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Dorothy Elaine Palmer, deceased, on the 28th day of May, 2025 by the Honorable Toby L. Seay,NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Toby L. Seay
Probate Judge
6/5, 12 & 19-pd**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA****In the Matter of the Estate of MARILYN ANN ROTH, Deceased.**
Case No.: PR-2025-067**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**Letters of Administration on the Estate of Marilyn Ann Roth having been granted to Mozell M. Fortney, Personal Representative, on the 2nd day of June, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
DONE this 2nd day of June, 2025.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge

6/5, 12 & 19-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA Enterprise Division**IN RE: The estate of BETTY CRUMPLER, Deceased.**
CASE NO. PR 2025-104**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to ROBERT M. CRUMPLER, SR., as Personal Representative of the estate of Betty Crumpler, deceased on the 17th day of April, 2018, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Gary D. Bradshaw
GARY D. BRADSHAW (BRA074)
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 311412
Enterprise, AL 36331-1412
(334) 393-6439 / (334) 393-7163 fax
6/5, 12 & 19-pd**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATE STATE OF ALABAMA COFFEE COUNTY (Enterprise Division)****PROBATE COURT No. PR-2025-075****IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALVALENE REYNOLDS, DECEASED.**

Letter Testamentary on the estate of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on May 28, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate of said County in said State, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Cindy Ann Dunaway
John P. Dunaway, Jr.
Tommy R. Dunaway
Executors of the Estate of Alvalene Reynolds, Deceased
6/5, 12 & 19-pd**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION****IN THE MATTER OF: KIRK CARL WEBER, Deceased.**
CASE NO.: PC-2008-031**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION****To: MATHAIS CHARLES WEBER**You are hereby notified that a hearing for Application for Appointment of Successor Personal Representative for the Estate of Kirk Carl Weber has been set in the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, (Elba Division) on the 17th day of July, 2025. You must file a response with the court or appear on said date or Petitioners Application will be granted.
This the 3rd day of June 2025.
/s/ Jodee Thompson
Probate Judge, Jodee Thompson
Coffee County, Alabama
6/5, 12, 19 & 26-pd**ORDER TO GIVE NOTICE VIA PUBLICATION**
In accordance with Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 4.1(c) and Alabama Code § 30-2-1 PETITION OF DIVORCE having been submitted by James Thomas Pecsok to Hon. Henry T. Reagan II, Judge for Coffee County (Elba), Alabama.

IT IS DIRECTED for public notification; this notice is hereby given to Tiffany Samantha Pecsok that Plaintiff wishes to have (1) physical custody of all

four children; (2) a Divorce from the Defendant which would end this marriage forever; and (3) make such other and further orders and decrees as may be necessary to effectuate an equitable favor to the Plaintiff.
6/12, 19, 26 & 7/3**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION****In the Matter of the Estate of BETTY CALHOUN CROOK, Deceased.**
Case No.: PR-2025-113**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Christopher Randolph Crook, Personal Representative, on the 9th day of June, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Done this the 9th day of June, 2025./s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
6/12, 19 & 26-pd**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA****IN THE MATTER OF: KD, (DOB: 04/02/2016)****A minor child under the age of 18 years.****CASE NO.: 34-JU-2022-149.03**
DHR Case #: 28543 (FATHER)**NOTICE TO KADRICK DEMPSEY:**You are hereby given notice that a petition has been filed by the Geneva County Department of Human Resources requesting that your parental rights be terminated to the following child: KD born 04/02/2016. You are hereby given notice that you are required to file an Answer with the Clerk of Juvenile Court and with the Petitioner's Attorney: Hon. Rachel H. Sullivan at P.O. Box 336, Geneva, AL 36340, within 14 days of the date of the last publication of this notice or a default judgement can be entered against you. A final hearing has been set for August 28, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the Geneva County Courthouse in Geneva, Alabama. You may appear and contest the same if you choose. Done this 6th day of June, 2025./s/ Ashley Powell
Ashley Powell, Circuit Clerk, Geneva County, AL
6/12, 19, 26 & 7/3-chg**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION****In the Matter of the Estate of DELLA DALTON, Deceased.**
Case No.: PR-2025-090**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**Letters of Administration on the Estate of Della Dalton having been granted to Mary Beth Henderson, Personal Representative, on the 9th day of June, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
DONE this the 9th day of June, 2025./s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
6/12, 19 & 26-pd

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Ruth Ann Spivey and Branton Eugene Spivey, Jr. to United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or Successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture, dated August 2, 2000 said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, in Book 137, Page 117. Said mortgage was subsequently sold, assigned and transferred to Secretary, United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development. Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned, Secretary, United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse in Coffee County, Alabama on July 2, 2025, during the legal hours of sale, all of its right, title, and interest in and to the following describe real estate situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

LOT 4, BLOCK "G", FOURTH ADDITION TO DEERFIELD PARK SUBDIVISION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ENTERPRISE, COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA, AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF SAME AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 129, IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE, ENTERPRISE, COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA.

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Said property will be sold "AS IS". NO REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, IS MADE AS TO THE TITLE OF SAID PROPERTY. Said property is subject to any title deficiencies including but not limited to: any outstanding ad valorem taxes - including taxes which are a lien but not yet due and payable, federal tax liens any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. The highest bidder must tender the total amount of the winning bid in certified funds at the time and place of sale. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand the rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

This sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in said Mortgage and by Alabama law. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. **This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained may be used for that purpose.** Secretary, United States

Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Mortgagee or Transferee Jonathan Smothers, Esq ALAW 420 North 20th Street, Suite 2249 Birmingham, AL 35203 Attorney for Mortgagee/Transferee 25-006467 5/29,6/5&12-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF John Anderson Williams DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2025-032

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to William J. Howard, III, Personal Representative on the 20th day of May, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate
5/29, 6/5 & 12

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF RAMONA CLARK, (Deceased).

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned Personal Representative on the 20th day of May, 2025, by the Hon. Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Ronald F. Clark
RONALD F. CLARK

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5/29, 6/5 & 6/12-pd

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS ELBA RENOVATIONS ELBA, ALABAMA

Sealed bids will be received by The Armory Commission of Alabama, at the State Military Department Building, 1720 Cong. W.L. Dickinson Drive, (P.O. Box 3711), Montgomery, Alabama, until 2:00 p.m., Central Time, Thursday, June 26, 2025, for Elba Renovations, Elba, AL (IFB# AC-25-B-0012-S), at which time they will be publicly opened and read in the Room 201, of the State Military Department, 1720 Cong. W.L. Dickinson Drive, Montgomery, Alabama.

Certified checks or bid bonds (Power of Attorney

is required) payable to The Armory Commission of Alabama in an amount not less than five (5) per cent of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000.00 per project, must accompany the bidder's proposal. Completed Disclosure Statements are preferred to accompany the proposal. Performance and Payment bonds will be required at the signing of the contract.

All entities must be registered to do business in the State of Alabama. All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding \$100,000.00 must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975.

Plans and specifications are open to public inspection at the State Military Department, 1720 Cong. W.L. Dickinson Drive, State Property and Disbursing Office, Montgomery, AL 36109. Point of contact: Lance Bellenger, lance.p.bellenger.nfg@army.mil.

Plans and specifications may be obtained from the Architects, Attn: Casey Ivy at Seay Seay & Litchfield, P.C., 1115 South Court Street, Montgomery, AL 36104, 334-263-5162, FAX 334-263-5170, upon deposit of \$300.00 per set, which will be refunded in full upon return of documents in good condition within ten (10) calendar days of the bid date. Questions should be addressed, in writing, to Casey Ivy at Seay Seay & Litchfield, P.C., civy@ss-larch.com no later than 2:00 p.m., CT, Friday, June 20, 2025.

Only those bidders who have officially received "Bid Documents" from Seay Seay & Litchfield, P.C. will be included on the distribution lists as "official plan holders" for Addenda or other project information during the bidding period. Any prospective bidders other than "official plan holders" must notify, in writing, Seay Seay & Litchfield, P.C., of their intent to bid the project by 2:00 p.m., CT, Friday, June 20, 2025. A Pre-Bid Conference will be conducted at 10:00 a.m., Friday, June 13, 2025 at Fort Charles L. Rowe, 368 Larkin Road, Elba, AL 36323. All bidders are strongly encouraged to attend. Any errors or omissions made as a result of not attending will not be grounds for additional compensation.

Erich Babbitt State Property and Disbursing Officer 5/29,6/5&12-chg.

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having being made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage dated May 26, 2022 executed by Latocha Jones, single woman, in favor of Mortgage electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as a nominee for Ameris Bank, said Mortgage being recorded May 31, 2022, in OFFREC Book 993, Page 253, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Enterprise Division, Alabama; having later been assigned to Planet Home Lending, LLC by instrument recorded in Book 1097, Page 363, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Enterprise Division, Alabama. Said default continues and notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Planet Home Lending, LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the main entrance to the County Courthouse, Coffee County, Enterprise Division, Alabama on 07/02/2025, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Coffee County, Enterprise Division, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 12, Block "C", Valley Chase Subdivision,

as shown on plat of same recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 329, in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Enterprise Division, Coffee County, Alabama

For informational purposes only, the property address is: 102 Sagewood Lane, Enterprise, AL 36330. Any property address provided is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS-IS, WHERE-IS" BASIS, SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, ENCUMBRANCES, AND EXCEPTIONS REFLECTED IN THE MORTGAGE AND THOSE CONTAINED IN THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SITUATED. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by mortgage as well as the expenses of foreclosure, including a reasonable attorney's fees and other purposes set out in said mortgage.

Planet Home Lending, LLC
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Attorney for Mortgagee
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REQUESTS FOR BIDS Carl Folsom Airport Elba, Alabama

Sealed bids will be received until Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at Elba City Hall located at 200 Buford Street Elba, AL. 36323 and at said time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment and performing all work necessary for: Runway Reconstruction at Carl Folsom Airport (TMGM240031). Major items of work include: Elba Runway full depth repair, taxiway tie in, pavement removal, shoulder work, minor lighting reconfiguration, safety area grading, seeding and mulching.

Information for the Project can be found on the following website: <https://www.gmcnetwork.com/bids/>.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC, located at 1906 E. Three Notch Street, Andalusia, Alabama 36421, Email: patsy.stinson@gmcnetwork.com. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office, during the hours indicated above, upon payment of a one-time administrative fee of \$20.00 for digital access/file sharing access and/or payment of \$100.00 for each printed set. Said cost represents the cost of printing, reproduction, handling, and distribution,

therefore no refund will be granted. Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to "Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC." Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid guaranty in the amount of five (5) percent of the total amount of the bid, but not to exceed \$50,000. The bid guaranty may be by certified check or bid bond made payable to the Elba Airport Authority. All Bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Engineer; the Bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying the license number on the outside of the envelope in which the Proposal is delivered. "A contractor must have a Heavy and Railroad major license or a Heavy and Railroad specialty license to bid as prime for this project."

Bids may be held by the Elba Airport Authority for a period not to exceed one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of evaluating bids prior to award of contract.

Award of contract is subject to requirements in the contract documents including, but not limited to, the following Federal provisions: Buy American Preference Civil Rights - Title VI Assurances

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A Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal of 4.06% has been established for this project. The (Elba Airport Authority), in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that for any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, [select businesses, or disadvantaged business enterprises or airport concession disadvantaged business enterprises] will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and no businesses will be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), creed, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), age, or disability in consideration for an award.

The Elba Airport Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in the bids received.

6/5,12&19-chg.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: VICTOR PARKER JR., Plaintiff,

vs. ASHLEY DILLARD, Defendant.

CASE NO: DR-2025-900030

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Defendant, Ashley Dillard, whose whereabouts

are unknown, must answer the Complaint for Divorce heretofore filed against her by Plaintiff, Victor Parker, Jr., on or before the 4th day of August 2025, or a judgment by default may be rendered against her in Case No. DR-2025-900030, Circuit Court of Geneva County, Alabama.

Dated on this the 4th day of June 2025.

/s/ Ashley A. Powell
Ashley A. Powell
Circuit Court Clerk
Lee F. Knowles
Attorney for said Estate
P.O. Box 369
Geneva County, AL 36340
Telephone: (334) 684-8022
6/12, 19, 26 & 7/3-chg

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of Michael Anthony Bell, Deceased Case No: 25-0089

NOTICE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed by Kayla Danielle Bell, on the 28th day of May, 2025, and that 30 days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to law the Court shall be requested to enter and order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent. Done this 29th day of May, 2025.

/s/ Toby L. Seay
Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate

/s/ Alfred J. Danner
Attorney for Petitioner
Alfred J. Danner
308 E. Campbell Ave.
Geneva, Alabama 36340
6/12-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Othel Bernard Winslett, Deceased. CASE NO. PR-2025-112

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of Othel Bernard Winslett, deceased, having been granted to Kerry Sue Winslett, Personal Representative, on the 5th day of June, 2025, by the Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama
Richard W. Whittaker, Attorney
300 E. Lee Street
Enterprise, AL 36330
(334) 393-5146
6/12, 19 & 26-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of EMMETT M. COUCH, Deceased.

Case No.: PR-2025-089

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration on the Estate of Emmett M. Couch having been granted to Mary Beth Henderson, Personal Representative, on the 5th day of June, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DONE this the 5th day of June, 2025.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
6/12, 19 & 26-pd



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CHURCH NEWS

What does the Bible say about... Church?

Article written by Douglas Williams



"And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed" (Daniel 2:44).

Jesus said, "On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18).

Again Jesus said, "There are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the Kingdom of God present with power" (Mark 9:1).

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you" (Acts 1:8).

"And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47).

Among other designations the church is also referred to as the Kingdom.

The Old Testament foretold the coming of the church; Christ promised to build it;

and as we follow the scriptures we first read of the existence of the church on earth in Acts 2:47 when people obeyed the gospel and were added to the church.

Therefore, every reference to the church before Acts 2 speaks of the church being in the future, and every reference to the church after Acts 2 speaks of the church being in existence.

So many things are said about the church in the Bible to show that it is the

greatest institution in the world. For example, Jesus is the builder, the head, the Savior, the foundation, and He purchased the church with His own blood (Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 5:23; Corinthians 3:11; Acts 20:28).

It is sad that people have said that the church is not important, because the Bible speaks of the church as the spiritual body of Christ and the bride of Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18, 24; Romans 7:4; Revelation 21:9).

Salvation and all spiritual blessings are in Christ (Ephesians 1:3), and to be in Christ is to be in the church, because Jesus is the Savior of the church, and adds those who are saved to the church (Ephesians 5:23; Acts 2:47).

We read in Acts 2 that the church was established on the earth in the first century in the city of Jerusalem as was predicted by the Old Testament prophets. John the Baptist and Jesus also foretold the coming of the church, or kingdom, as they preached, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 3:2; 4:17).

It is near or getting closer. The church is to wear the name of Christ because it belongs to Him, as Paul said in Romans 16:16, "The churches of Christ greet you."

VBS set for June 22nd thru 27th at Alberton Baptist Church in Kinston

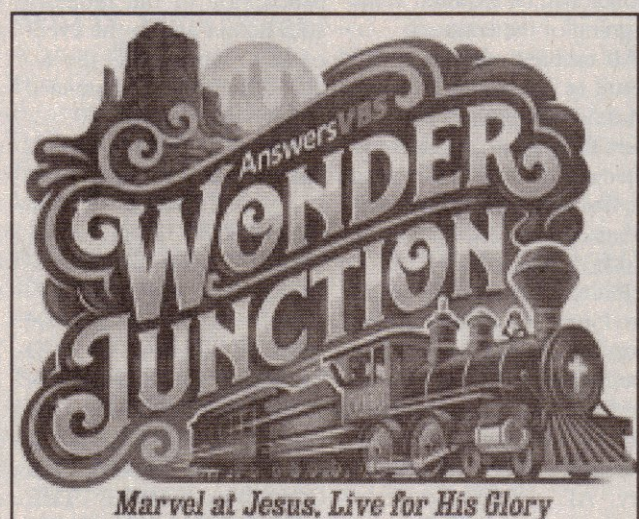
Alberton Baptist Church, located at 3633 Hwy. 134, Kinston, Ala., will hold Vacation Bible School from Sunday, June 22, through Friday, June 27th.

VBS will be from 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on June 22nd while the time will be 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. on June 23rd – June 27th. This

year's theme will be "Camp Firelight – A Summer Camp Adventure with God."

There will be something for everyone, including an adult class taught by Will Jordan, pastor. All are welcome.

For more information or to register, contact Ms. Peggy at 334-804-2155.



Basin Baptist Church

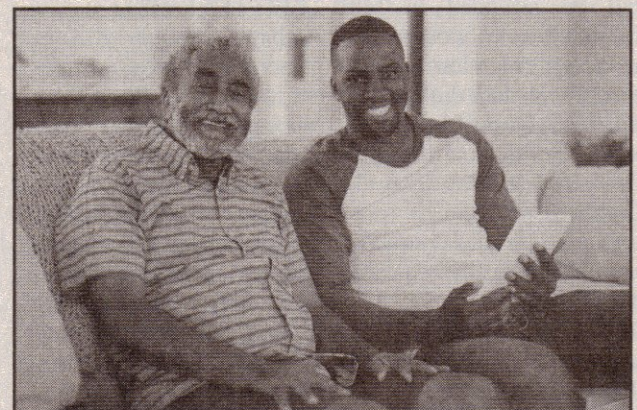
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Sunday, June 15 4 - 8:30 p.m.

Mon.-Wed, June 16-18 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Family Night: Thursday, June 19, at 6 p.m.

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Scripture: 1 Peter 5:7

Thinking of you! Praying for you!

Families of the late: Rev. Paul Phillips, Alice Musgrove, Myron Duncan, Marcus Kelley, Police Officer Dozier, Warren Belcher, Allison Cole, Michael Manning, Pastor Jimmy Jackson

June Birthdays/Anniversaries

Greg/Kenya Martin 6/5 W.A.

Tommy J./ Mary H. Robinson 6/6 W.A.

Brian/Tanisha Brunson 6/7 W.A.

Willie Lee/Ollie Ruth Peterson 6/8. W.A.

Debra Clark 6/9

Sasha Obama 6/9

Martin Henderson 6/11

Kendalyn Belcher 6/11

Jonnie McBride 6/12

A SENSE OF TIMING

The baseball player describes his success by saying, "It's all in the timing."

The one who invests in stocks or real estate, "It's all in the timing." We are impressed with the timing of the angel's visit in Luke 1:13. Of course, in the Bible angels brought messages of various times, and they appeared in various places.

Sometimes they delivered their message through dreams while people slept, sometimes as people walked along the way, and sometimes when they were a work. Still, it is instructive to read that the message came to Zacharia when he was serving! Many have received their greatest blessings when they were serving. Many have received insights into life when they were serving. Many have found a fresh spiritual joy when they were serving. There is something about serving God that clears the mind, opens the heart, and softens the will. God could have delivered his message

to Zechariah at any time, but he chose to do it when Zechariah was serving – and serving in the Temple.

Today, we do not regard any place as truly a holy place. We speak of holy places only because there is no other way to describe them. We believe that any place becomes a holy place when we meet God there.

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**ABOUNDING GRACE
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Rocky Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**ABUNDANT LIFE
CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.**
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

**ALBERTON BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

**BETHANY BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**BROOKLYN BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

**CHESTNUT GROVE
METHODIST CHURCH**
Remonia Smith, Pastor
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

**CORNERSTONE BIBLE
CHURCH**
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.



COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal" 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Bookout, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

EAON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Billy Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA METHODIST CHURCH
Nathan Elliott, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Phillip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH
Overseers - Billy Berry
Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.<

COMMUNITY NEWS



Several members of the Elba High School Class of 1966 met Tuesday morning, June 10, at Ms. Linda's restaurant in downtown Elba for their monthly breakfast club gathering. The classmates enjoyed food, fellowship, and photos. Those present included: Bobby Edmondson, Merrill Shirley, Butch Oggs, Terry Calhoun, David Blackmon, Neal Hutto, Jerome Blackmon, Jackey Tindol, Harry Young, Sara Warr Strong, Kenneth Baker, John Lawless, and Lenore Anglin Tanner. Picture was taken by Linda Harrison, owner of Ms. Linda's, which is the June "Business of the Month" for the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

Hometown author Gunter Akridge returns for to Elba for book signing

Elba native and author Gunter Akridge will return to his hometown Tuesday, June 24, for a special book signing event celebrating the release of his second book, *The Bitter Cup: Walking With God When Your World Falls Apart*.

The signing will take place on Tuesday, June 24, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Elba Public Library.

Akridge's newest work follows the success



of his first book, "Kill the Dragon," which drew a strong response at last year's local signing. *The Bitter Cup* invites readers into a deeply personal journey of wrestling with pain, loss, and faith—offering a message of hope for those walking through life's hardest seasons.

"This book is for anyone who's ever asked, 'Where is God when everything

falls apart?'" Akridge said. "It's raw, real, and rooted in the belief that God doesn't waste our suffering."

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet the author, purchase signed copies of "The Bitter Cup," and hear more about the story behind the book. All are welcome to attend this free event and support a hometown author whose story continues to inspire readers far beyond Elba.

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UA announces Spring graduates

Over 6,000 degrees were awarded during The University of Alabama's spring 2025 commencement ceremonies at Coleman Coliseum. The University provides numerous opportunities for service and growth through its educational, social and cultural experiences.

Local students include: Madison Askins of New Brockton - received a Bachelor of Arts in Communication & Information Sciences.

Sandra Patronas of New Brockton - received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering.

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LEGAL NOTICES:
(More Legal Notices on Pages 4 & 5)

CITY OF ELBA Ordinance 06092025

An Ordinance amending Sec 74-92.- Impoundment of vehicles.

Sec. 74-92. - Impoundment of vehicles.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, and except as otherwise provided in this section, a motor vehicle is subject to impoundment as a nuisance if it is driven on a highway or other public roadway in the city, and any of the following conditions exist:

- (1) The motor vehicle is driven by a person whose license or license privilege is suspended or revoked or by an unlicensed driver by the state department of motor vehicles at the time he or she was stopped.
- (2) If a driver is unable to produce a valid driver's license on the demand of

the law enforcement officer, the vehicle shall may be impounded, regardless of ownership, unless the police officer is reasonably able, by other means, to verify that the driver is properly licensed. Prior to impounding the vehicle, the officer shall make a reasonable attempt to verify the license status of a driver who claims to be properly licensed, but who is unable to produce the license on demand of the law enforcement officer. A notation of the officer's attempt to verify that the driver is properly licensed shall be noted on the impound report. The driver and occupants of the vehicle will be transported to a place of safety by the impounding officer and an impound report made with a full inventory of items in the vehicle.

(3) A law enforcement officer shall not impound a vehicle pursuant to this section, if the license of the driver expired within the preceding 90 days and the driver would otherwise have been properly licensed.

(4) If the owner of the vehicle is present in the vehicle and has a valid license, the vehicle shall not be impounded and towed.

(5) If there is a medical necessity jeopardizing life or limb, the law enforcement officer may elect not to impound the vehicle.

(Ord. No. 4112011-1, § 2, 4-11-11)

Adopted on this 9th day of June 2025.

/s/ Tom Maddox

Tom Maddox, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Sally Bane
Sally Bane, City Clerk
6/12-chg.

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
Town of Kinston, Alabama

Notice is hereby given and posted in three public places on June 10, 2025 that on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, an election for the purpose of electing a Mayor and five (5) members to the Town Council will be held. All registered and qualified electors of the state, who reside within the corporate limits of the Town of Kinston, Alabama, and have resided therein for thirty (30) days or more immediately preceding the date of the election, and who are qualified to vote in the county precinct which embraces and covers that part of the corporate limits of the Town in which the elector resides, will be authorized to participate in the election.

Any qualified elector who has resided within the municipality (Town limits of Kinston) for a period of at least 90 days on Election Day may qualify to run for office by filing the appropriate forms and paying any appropriate fees, as otherwise prescribed by law. Candidates must file a Statement of Economic Interests form with the ALABAMA ETHICS COMMISSION in order to appear on the ballot.

The period of candidate(s) qualification commences at 8 a.m. on June 10, 2025 and ends at 5 p.m. on June 24, 2025. Office hours will be 8 A.M. – 11 A.M. then 12 P.M. – 5 P.M. Monday through Friday. Candidates must have all qualification papers and filing done during this time frame.

Polling Location
Kinston Town Hall, 856 N Main Street, Kinston, Alabama 36453

The polls will be opened from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the following locations

If necessary, a run-off election (§11-46-55(d)) will be held on Tuesday, September 23, (§11-46-21(a)).

/s/ William W. Reichardt

William W. Reichardt
Mayor of Kinston

ATTEST:

/s/ Cindy L. Johnson
Cindy L. Johnson
Town Clerk

6/12-chg

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
City of Elba, Alabama

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, an election for the purpose of electing a Mayor and the City Council (District 1, District 2, District 3, District 4, and District 5) will be held. The mayor and city council are to be elected at the election for the City of Elba, Alabama. All registered and qualified electors of the state, who reside within the city limits of Elba, Alabama, and have resided therein for 30 days or more immediately preceding the date of the election, and who are qualified to vote in the county precinct which embraces and covers that part of the town limits of the City of Elba in which the elector resides, will be authorized to participate in the election.

Qualified electors may begin qualifying on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. Qualifying will end on Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 5:00p.m. City Hall (200 Buford Street) will be open for those wishing to qualify as follows:

Monday thru Friday: 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 24, 2025: 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The City of Elba will be closed on June 19, 2025, to observe the federal holiday June-teenth National Independence Day.

The polls will open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Elba Church of Christ on Election Day.

If necessary, a run-off election will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2025.

Any qualified elector who will have resided within the city limits of Elba, Alabama, within the district from which he or she seeks elections, for a period of at least 90 days on Election Day may qualify to run for office by filing the appropriate forms and paying any appropriate fees, as otherwise provide by law at City Hall.

Tom Maddox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sally Bane, City Clerk

This notice is given in accordance with Section 11-46-22, Code of Alabama, 1975.

6/5, 12&19-chg

SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I attempted to give our twelve-year-old lab a bath over the weekend to cool him down and remove the results of months rolling in the dirt. After fighting with him for almost an hour there was no doubt who was the cleanest, but I really couldn't tell who got the wettest since I was also soaked and had to beg to just get back into the house. Oh yea, the first thing he did after he broke away was to head to the corner of the yard and roll around in red dirt.

For what it is worth....

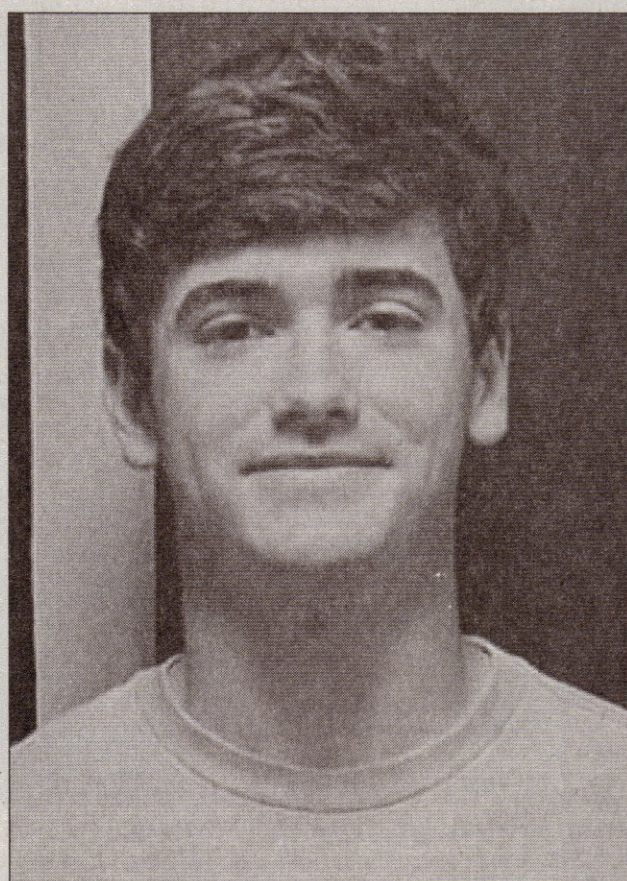
*** I attended my first youth baseball games in quite some time last weekend to support the Elba All-Stars and while all three teams failed to advance, all three teams played hard in all of their games and ignored a scorching sun and high temperatures to give it their all. It takes much more courage than many think for a player age 12 and under to play in an All-Star tournament in a town in which they have never been, against teams they have never seen, and in front of family and friends cheering them on. I know no one wanted to win more than the players, but in spite of not winning the tournament they were all winners when they headed back home and should be congratulated!

Another group that deserves credit, even though they almost always get the blame, are all the coaches of the teams. These men and women volunteer their time to work with the children of other parents, spend countless hours trying to figure out line-ups and where everyone will play to make sure everyone gets to play, while at the same time trying to give the team its best shot at winning. They all know they will often get blamed when their teams lose and will hear it from beside the dugout when a player makes a mistake. However, they spend their own money going to games, probably spend even more money carrying players to and from their homes, and of course buying drinks and meals for players that don't have any money. It takes someone special to be a coach, at any level, and our youth coaches are to be commended.

Okay, now it is time to vent a little frustration. I could not believe that the tournament games all were played using a time limit! Teams play for two months and travel at least one night a week to play and improve in preparation for the district tournament, and when they get there they play only three or four innings. I know the players are young children and I know in Alabama it gets hot in the summer, but tournaments are the culmination of the season and there should never be a time limit for any game, regardless of age. Another reason I am so anti-time limit is that far too often the umpires dictate the pace of the game, and since they know a game is only going to last a certain amount of time, they have no added incentive to keep the game going and get in as many innings as possible. One of our teams lost a lead in the third inning and should have had at least two more at-bats, but the game was called due to the time limit. The officials in charge want to act like the game is as close to 'real baseball' as possible, but then use a time limit to make sure the games go on schedule, with no regard for the teams. Another change in rules in recent years that I think is uncalled for is to allow baserunners to lead off in the 12 and Under leagues. The bases are only sixty-feet apart, and when a baserunner gets a big lead it is almost impossible to throw him out. I also saw three balks called on pitchers in one game, something that should not be addressed until older leagues and in high school, and another ridiculous rule for players this young. Maybe one day someone will sit down and realize that baseball players ages 7-12 aren't in the major leagues and can still have fun and play to win at the same time. Last, but not least, I also could not believe that some teams could be forced to play four games in one day. All three tournaments were three-day events, but on the final day of the tournaments the teams that were still winning could have to play as many as four games to win the tournament. Why not stretch the tournaments out to four days, come back on Monday and play the finals, and not have teams in the finals that may have been at the parks since eight in the morning? Years back no teams would have to play more than two games in a day, much less four. If the officials truly care about the health of the youngsters and not just getting the tournament over with they would never draw brackets that keep players and supporters at the park for over twelve hours on a hot summer day. I know times change, but change for the sake of change isn't always the best answer.



BRADY JOHNSON, ELBA, 2ND TEAM



HAYDEN POPE, NEW BROCKTON, 1ST TEAM

ASWA All-State baseball teams dominated by area standouts

The Alabama Sports Writers Association announced its 2025 'All-State' high school baseball selections last weekend and included on the honored list was one member of the Elba Tigers, one member of the New Brockton Gamecocks and five members of the Brantley Bulldogs.

Elba Tiger Brady Johnson was a second team Class 1A pick as an infielder. Johnson batted .408 during his senior season with a .608 on base percentage, had six doubles, two triples, collected 19 runs batted in, scored 24 runs, drew 25 walks and was successful on 18 of 21 stolen base attempts.

New Brockton Gamecock Hunter Pope was a first team Class 4A pick as an outfielder. Pope batted .483 during his senior season with a .592 on base percentage, had 10 doubles, two triples, drew 11 walks, was successful on 46 of 50 stolen base attempts and struck out only five times in 75 at-bats.

Brantley Bulldog Jayden Parks was a first team Class 1A pick as an infielder. Parks batted .527 during his senior season with a .639 on base percentage, had one double, one triple and one home-run, collected 14 runs batted in and scored 30 runs.

Brantley Bulldog Cooper Layton was a first team Class 1A pick as a utility player. Layton batted .465 during his senior season with a .557 on base percentage, had 11 doubles, four triples and one home-run, collected 41 runs batted on and scored 36 runs.

Jon Harper Kilcrease was a second team Class 1A pick as a utility player. Kilcrease batted .416 during his senior season with a .485 on base percentage, had eight doubles and four triples, collected 34 runs batted in and scored 31 runs.

Tyler Carter was an honorable mention Class 1A pick as a utility player. Carter batted .386 during his senior season with a .527 on base percentage, had five doubles, six triples and one home-run, and collected 18 runs batted in.

Chaz Branum was an honorable mention Class 1A pick

as a designated hitter. Branum batted .444 during his junior season with an on base percentage of .532, had five doubles and one triple, collected 21 runs batted in and scored 20 runs.

Other area players named on the 'All-State' list were: Class 7A – (1st Team) Brady Cavanaugh, junior, pitcher, Enterprise; Brady Richardson, senior, pitcher, Enterprise; Mikey Vanderheyden, senior, catcher, Enterprise; Walker Turner, junior, infielder, Enterprise; (2nd Team) Perrin Gomez, senior, infielder, Dothan; Gavin Maund, senior, outfielder, Enterprise. Class 6A – (Honorable Mention) Jake Franklin, senior, designated hitter, Rehobeth. Class 5A – (2nd Team) Jace Dean, freshman, infielder, Headland; Chase Vaznaian, junior, infielder, Charles Henderson; (Honorable Mention) Riley Cravey, junior, pitcher, Andalusia; Kaden Baxter, junior, infielder, Carroll; Class 4A – (1st Team) Matt Ashberry, junior, infielder, Straughn; Cash Harrell, junior, outfielder, Opp; Ty Morris, sophomore, outfielder, Houston Academy; (2nd Team) Porter Nelson, sophomore, pitcher, Opp; Gabe Glover, senior, outfielder, Houston Academy. Class 3A – (1st Team) Drew Colon, senior, utility, Wicksburg; (2nd Team) Seth Williams, junior, catcher, Wicksburg; Brooks Canady, junior, infielder, Providence Christian. Class 2A – (First Team) Luke Barron, senior, pitcher, Pike Lib; Braylon Morris, senior, pitcher, Cottonwood; Wells Ganey, junior, catcher, Arton; (2nd Team) Austin Evans, senior, pitcher, Arton; Tyler McClendon, senior, catcher, Goshen; Austyn Miller, senior, infielder, Cottonwood; Easton Kilpatrick, junior, utility, Arton; Garrett Whitaker, sophomore, designated hitter, Pike Lib; (Honorable Mention) Eben Pritchett, junior, infielder, G.W. Long; Kade Brookins, senior, outfielder, Pike Lib; Jackson Bowen, sophomore, designated hitter, Pike Lib. Class 1A – (1st Team) Easton Walsh, junior, outfielder, Florida; Dalton Jackson, senior, designated hitter, Florida; (2nd Team) Noah Bryan, sophomore, infielder, Florida; Connor Blackwell, junior, utility, Red Level.

Kinston Knockouts knock out opposition

The Kinston Knockouts competed in a softball tournament last weekend in Millbrook with both the 14U and 12U teams bringing home championship awards after rolling their tournaments undefeated.

In 14U action, the Knockouts won four straight games by a combined score of 38-7 to roll to the tournament title.

The Knockouts opened the tournament with a 9-2 win over the Prattville Sluggers as they opened up a 7-0 second inning lead and never looked back. Adalyn Whigham had 2 hits and 1 rbi to lead the Knockouts at the plate, while Aubrey Norris and Adelyn Jarrell both added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Justi Creech and Elin Everheart combined to pitch two innings and allowed two earned runs on one hit and four walks.

The Knockouts tangled with the B.B. S. Villains in their second contest and pulled away from a 4-3 second inning lead to post a 9-3 win. Aubrey Norris had 3 hits, scored 3 runs

and had 3 rbi's to lead the Knockouts at the plate, while Ella Kate Bowers added 2 hits and scored 1 run, Kylee Jerkins added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Madisyn Jones added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Adelyn Jarrell, Bowers and Justi Creech combined to pitch two innings and allowed no earned runs on two hits and two walks.

The Knockouts made it look easy in their third win as they blanked the Lady Panthers 10-0. Adalyn Whigham had 3 hits and 1 rbi to lead the Knockouts at the plate, while Kylee Jerkins added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; Adelyn Jarrell added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Layla Carter added 1 hit and scored 3 runs. Jarrell and Elin Everheart combined to pitch a three-inning no hitter with five strikeouts.

The Knockouts ran into the Prattville Sluggers again in the tournament finals and overcame an early 2-0 deficit to claim a big 10-2 win. Aubrey Norris had 2 hits, scored 2

runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Knockouts at the plate, while Adelyn Jarrell added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Adalyn Whigham added 2 hits and 2 rbi's; and, Ella Kate Bowers and Madi Phillips both added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Jarrell and Bowers combined to pitch a three-inning one-hitter with five strikeouts.

In 12U action, the Knockouts rolled to four straight wins and outscored their victims by a combined score of 31-4 to take home the tournament title.

The Knockouts began tournament play against the Alabama Grizzlies and posted a lopsided 16-0 win. Harper Morris had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Knockouts at the plate, while Reeves Simmons added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Kinsley Clark added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Addison Bond added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Cara Bentley added 2 hits and scored 2 runs. Reeves Simmons pitched a three-inning no-hitter with nine strikeouts.

The Knockouts pulled ahead early and pulled

away late to claim a 4-0 win over Dream Crushers. Reeves Simmons and Emmalyn Jarrell both had 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead the Knockouts at the plate, while Addison Bond added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Ollie-Mae McCrummen pitched a three-inning one-hitter with four strikeouts.

The Knockouts ran into the Dream Crushers again in elimination play and rallied from an early 1-0 deficit to post a 6-3 win. Addison Bond had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Knockouts at the plate, while Ollie-Mae McCrummen added 1 hit and 2 rbi's, and Kinsley Clark and Karsyn Wise both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Reeves Simmons pitched three innings and allowed two earned runs on three hits, with six strikeouts.

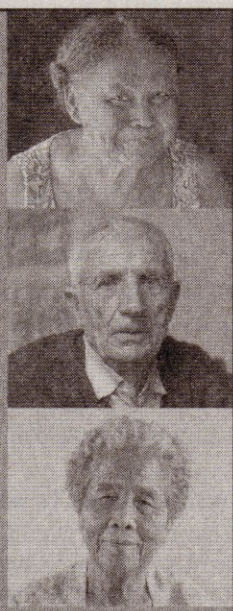
The Knockouts tangled with Sowega Tribe in the tournament finals and led all the way to claim an impressive 5-1 win. Reeves Simmons and Kinsley Clark both had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Knockouts at the plate, while Reeves Simmons pitched a three-inning one-hitter with eight strikeouts.

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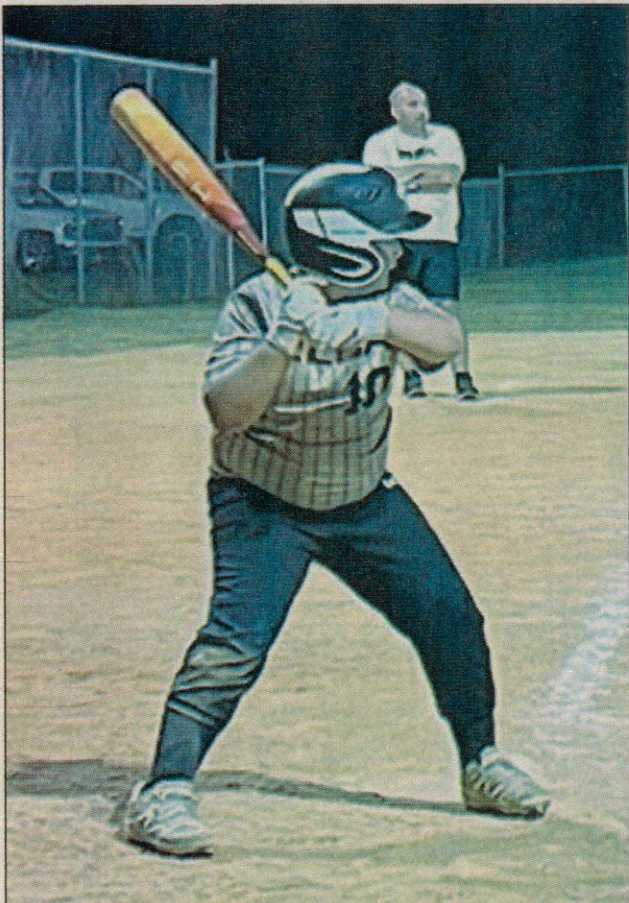
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Elba 12U All-Star Carter Mitchell takes a big lead off first base in last week's district tournament game against Kinston.



Elba 8U All-Star coach Mark Wicker prepares to deliver a pitch as Clarence Lane gets ready to run after reaching first base on a hit.



Elba 10U All-Star is ready to rip as he waits for a pitch after digging in at the batters box.



Elba 8U All-Star closes in to first base after a base hit in tournament action last weekend.

Elba 8U All-Stars outscored in two district tourney games

The Elba 8 and Under All-Stars competed in the District 9 'Diamond Youth' Baseball Tournament last week in Geneva and saw its season draw to close with two straight losses in the six-team event.

The All-Stars watched an early 1-0 lead evaporate quickly in a 15-3 opening round loss to Zion Chapel. Elba's Kyson Hall belted a two-out home-run to put the All-Stars on top 1-0 in the top of the first, but Zion Chapel rallied with five runs in its half of the inning and added seven runs in the second to take command.

Clarence Lane had 2 hits and 1 rbi to lead Elba at the plate, while Bentley Bullard and Kyson Hall both added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Dunn Wicker added 1 hit and scored 1 run; and, Jude Manring, Nation Sconiers and Jameri Bryant all added 1 hit.

The All-Stars carried a 3-2 lead into the top of the fourth inning, but watched Kinston plate 10 unanswered runs in its final two trips to the plate and were eliminated with the 13-3 setback.

LaMarkus Sconiers had 2 hits and 2 rbi's to lead Elba at the plate, while Dunn Wicker and Nation Sconiers both added 2 hits, and Kayston Kidd, Kyson Hall and Paris Edwards all added 1 hit.

Time limit catches Elba 10U All-Stars at district tourney

The Elba 10U All-Stars competed last weekend at the 'District 9' Diamond Youth Baseball Tournament, in Samson, and were eliminated after two games as they lost to Geneva 6-1 and Hartford 8-4.

In the 6-1 opening round loss to Geneva, the All-Stars owned a 1-0 lead in the second inning and were tied at 1-1 entering the third, only to see Geneva plate five runs in its half of the inning to grab the lead and never caught up.

LaDarius Lockett and Christopher James both had 1 hit to lead Elba at the plate, while Kip Brunson, Easton Burleson, Corbin Creaseman, Aydan and Hunter Kidd all drew a walk. Kip Brunson, Easton Burleson and Chaysen Jones combined to pitch four innings and allowed six runs on two hits and seven walks, while striking out three.

In the 8-4 loss to Hartford, the All-Stars carried a 3-1 lead into the third inning, but failed to hold on late and were eliminated. Jeremiah Prettyman had 1 hit and 2 rbi's to lead Elba at the plate, while Hunter Kidd and Chaysen Jones both added 1 hit and 1 rbi, LaDarius Lockett added 1 hit. Brodie Parks drew a walk and stole two bases, Chaysen Jones also stole two bases, and Hunter Kidd and LaDarius Lockett both had one stolen base. LaDarius Lockett, Chaysen Jones, Easton Burleson and Hunter Kidd combined to pitch three innings and allowed eight runs on two hits and nine walks, while striking out three.

Elba 12U All-Stars fall twice in district tournament action

The Elba 12 and Under All-Stars competed in the District 8 'Dixie Diamond' Baseball Tournament last weekend in Geneva and saw their season come to an end after suffering two straight losses.

The All-Stars opened the tournament against Geneva and battled for all four innings in a hard fought 4-1 loss. Elba jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning when the All-Stars took advantage of four walks to plate one run, but failed to add another run to its side of the scoreboard and dropped the 4-1 decision.

Jace Poole scored the lone Elba run, while AJ Harrelson and Kimorian Lane both drew two walks. Jace Poole, Austin Bailey and Carter Mitchell all stole one base. Brayson Coppage and AJ Harrelson combined to pitch four innings and allowed four runs on five hits and four walks, while striking out three.

The All-Stars fell behind 7-0 in the opening inning and never caught up in a 12-3 loss to Kinston, in an elimination contest. Carter Mitchell had 1 hit and scored 1 run and Brayson Coppage added 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead Elba at the plate, while Kimorian Lane and Austin Booth both scored 1 run. Kimorian Lane and Jacks Bane both stole two bases. Jacks Bane, AJ Harrelson and Justin Copeland combined to pitch four innings and allowed 12 runs on 10 hits and three walks, while striking out three.



Elba 12U coach Chris Poole gives instructions to a batter during tournament action last week.



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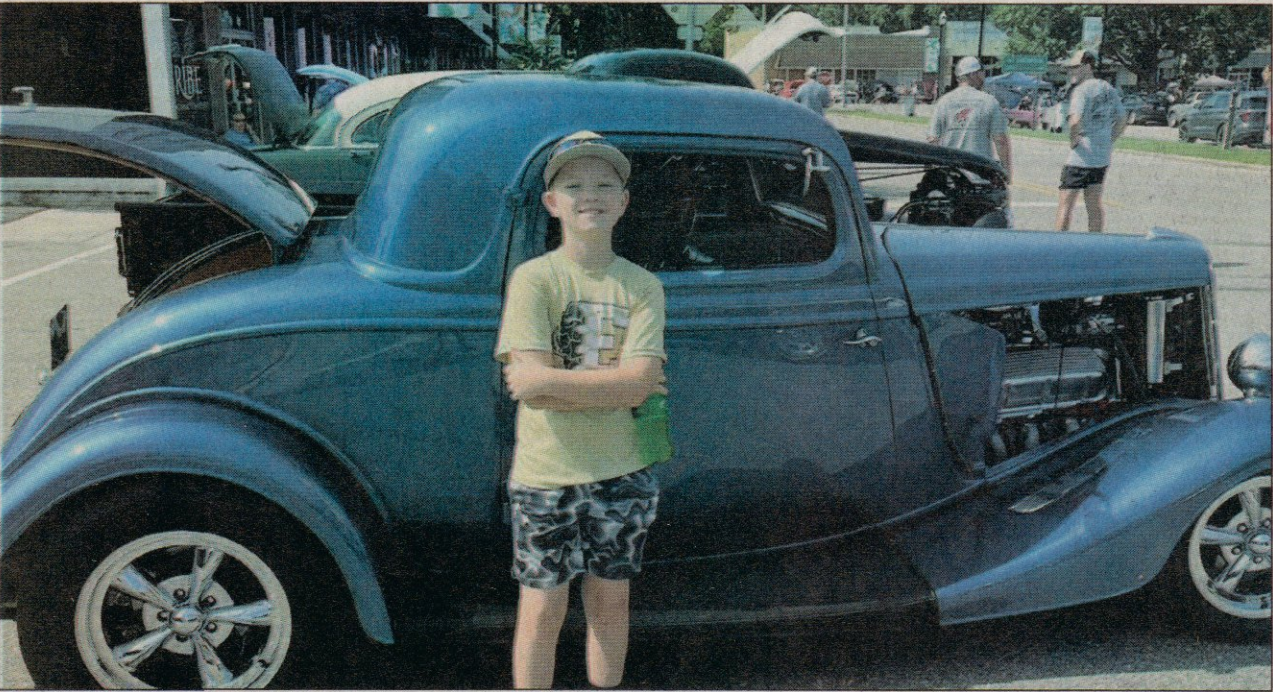
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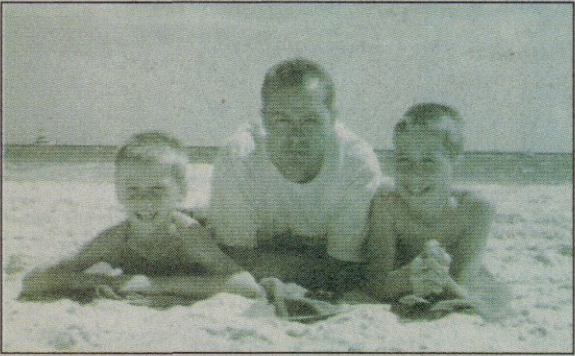
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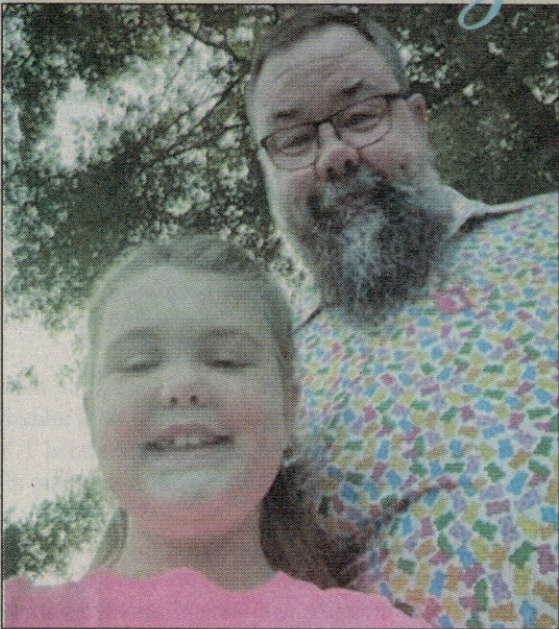
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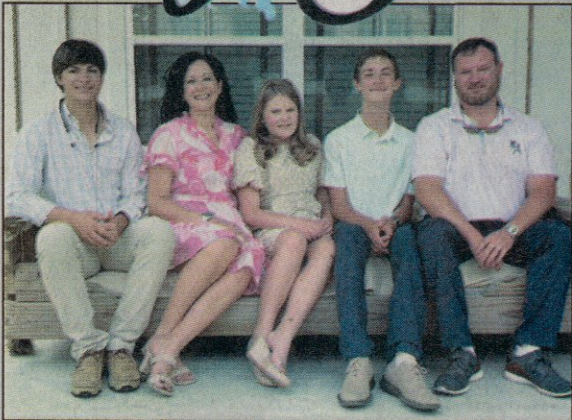
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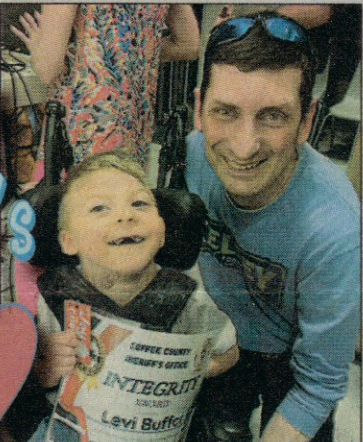
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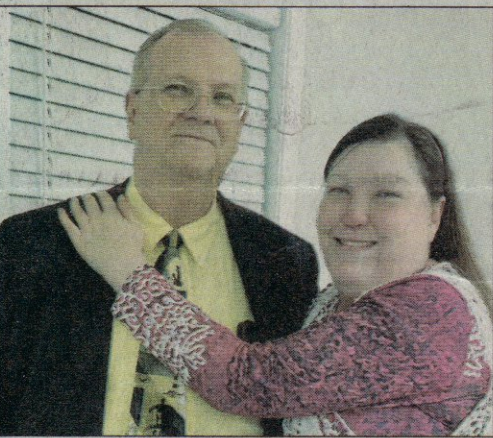


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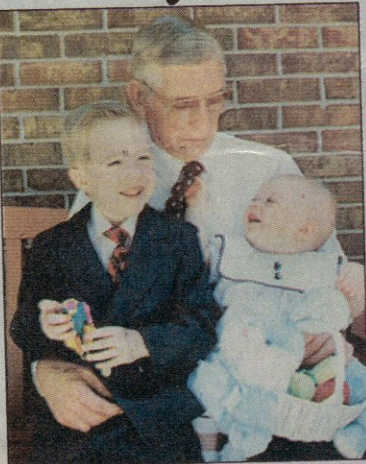


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Happy Father's Day!



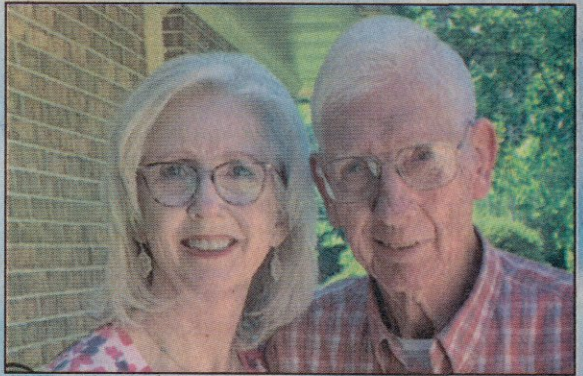
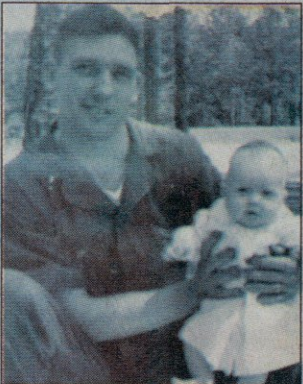
We Love You,
Granddaddy!

Chafin and
Cameron

Happy Father's Day!!

I love you,
Daddy!

~ Lisa



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